

Amendments to the Specification:

Delete the title beginning at page 1, line 1 and replace it with the following new title:

METHODS OF IDENTIFYING SUBSTANCES THAT INTERACT WITH JTT-1  
PROTEIN

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §120 of U.S. application serial number 10/301,056, filed November 21, 2002, now abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. application serial number 09/383,551, filed August 26, 1999, issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,030,225 on April 18, 2006, which is a continuation-in-part of international application number PCT/JP98/00837, filed February 27, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §119 of Japanese application number 10/62217, filed February 26, 1998 and Japanese application number 9/62290, filed February 27, 1997. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.